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City Looks for Community Input on Biennial Budget

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (September, 2016) – The City is currently seeking input on the [proposed Biennial Budget for 2017-18](#).

This Biennial Budget is the financial plan for the upcoming two years, and expresses the City's identified priorities and planned service delivery to the community. Bainbridge Island is a unique, multi-faceted community, and our municipal organization works hard to serve the critical needs and priorities that have been identified to support the community's goals. To do this most effectively we rely on input from community members during the budget development process.

This year we are offering multiple ways for community members to engage in the process: in-person, in-writing and virtually through social media.

In-Person: The budget will be on the Council agenda multiple times throughout the months of October and November. You are welcome to join us at any of these meetings to share your input. Additionally, we anticipate holding a Public Hearing on the Biennial Budget in November. Exact dates and times will be available on the City website.

In-Writing: You are always welcome to provide your input on the Biennial Budget in writing to City Hall or by email to finance@bainbridgewa.gov.

Social Media: On Tuesday, October 4 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. you are invited to participate in a Social Media Budget Town Hall Meeting. The meeting will take place on the City of Bainbridge Island Facebook page, and will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback on the proposed budget. City Staff and elected officials will be available virtually that day to engage you in conversation. If you have questions about how to access the City Facebook page, contact Kellie Stickney, Communications Manager at 206.780.3741 or kstickney@bainbridgewa.gov.

Community input on the budget will be accepted up until the Council approves the budget later this year.

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